



MORNINGSIDE CENTER

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING APARTMENTS

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It's a way of life!

October 13, 2021

Dear Residents, Family Members, Responsible Parties,

It has been a while since Morningside has sent out a newsletter. We are enjoying the fall weather and making preparation for outings when possible.

VISITING HOURS AND LOCATIONS:

It has been wonderful to see so many families and friends coming to visit the residents. Everyone is happier with the opportunities to visit in the facility. I would like to go over the visiting guidelines again:

- Visiting hours are from 9 until 11:30 a.m. and from 1 until 4 p.m. daily in the nursing home and assisted living apartments. No visiting is permitted during the resident lunchtime, which is from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- The front doors of the facilities will be unlocked between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- All visitors must screen themselves in (take their temperature) and complete the contact tracking forms.
- All visitors must practice the infection prevention guidelines by wearing a face mask and using the hand sanitizer.
- Please do not visit if you do not feel well, even if you don't have a temperature or have been vaccinated.
- Once visitors are screened in, they are to proceed to the room and/or apartment of the resident they are visiting. Please, no more than 2 visitors in a room/apartment at a time. Larger groups of visitors at one time are welcome to visit on the nursing home patio or on the screened porch of the assisted living apartments.
- Visitors are not to be in other locations within the facility or the assisted living apartments.
- NO visitors are to be in the facilities' dining rooms.
- Essential care givers may be in the dining rooms because they have been through the training and get tested on a regular basis the same as staff.

Please adhere to the guidelines as it helps keep the facility open for in-facility visits.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR STAFF TESTING:

Effective 09/10/2021 CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) directed long-term care facilities to check the CMS website for our county's level of community transmission and the color code (yellow, blue, green, or red) at the top of the county transmission page. This determines the frequency of staff testing. Visiting is still based on the local county's positivity rate. At the time of this writing, Livingston County's positivity rate is 4.66. We are so grateful the visiting of residents is based on the positivity rate.

STAFFING NEWS:

Most of you know Shelby Harmon, Director of Nursing, and her husband Ethan were blessed with their third child, a baby boy who arrived in September. Shelby is taking some time off to be with her family but will be returning in early December. Congratulations to the Harmon family!

Michelle Minnis, RN, who has worked at Morningside for almost 17 years has decided it is time to pursue nursing in a different field. Thank you, Michelle, for all you have done. We wish you the very best in the next chapter of your chosen profession.

QUESTIONS:

As always, if you have questions or concerns don't hesitate to give me a call or email me, jweets@morningsidecenter.com

Respectfully,

Joan Sweets

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